

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND ESSENTIAL.COM FOR THE STATE OF IOWA	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-11
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**ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued June 12, 2000)

On March 14, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), and essential.com for the state of Iowa (essential) filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-00-11 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement (or a portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement (or a portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this

docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on March 14, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and essential.com for the state of Iowa, and reviewed by the Utilities Board in a proceeding identified as Docket No. NIA-00-11, is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.